

Index-Galena Road, Milepost 6.4 to 6.9

PROJECT FLOWCHART

WHERE ARE WE NOW?

Snohomish County Public Works submitted a draft Biological Assessment (BA) for the proposed repairs to Index-Galena Road. This assessment is part of an extensive environmental review process to help ensure protection of Endangered Species Act (ESA) listed species including fish, birds and amphibians.

Index-Galena Road is located on United States Forest Service (USFS) land. The proposed relocation of

the road requires extensive inter-agency coordination with multiple federal, tribal, state and county government agencies. Over a period of at least 12 months, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) will be reviewing the draft BA. Once completed, this document will be uploaded to Snohomish County's Index-Galena Road Web page for public viewing.



Index-Galena Road after storm damage. The yellow lines mark the road centerline.

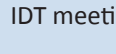



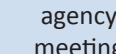


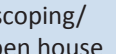
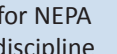
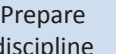


A new road alignment is planned. Dense forest cover would be cleared prior to grading the new alignment.











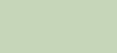


Index-Galena Road milepost 6.4 view from fogline looking downstream.

PROJECT SCOPING


















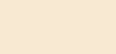
July 2011	Aug 2011	Oct 2011	Feb 2012		Started Jan 2013
First NEPA IDT meeting	FHWA confirms NEPA EA required	Follow-up agency meeting	NEPA scoping/ open house (comment period)	Field work for NEPA discipline reports	Prepare discipline reports (with 60% design)
  		  			

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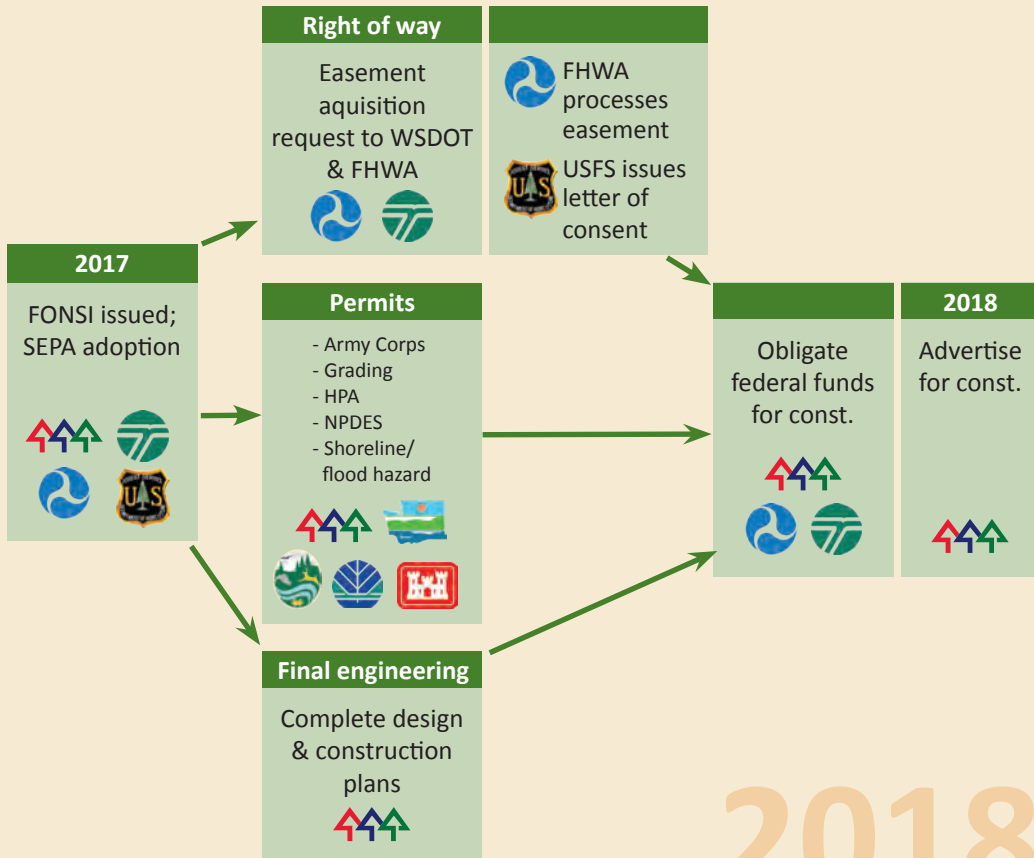
REVIEW OF ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT (ESA)

Started Jan 2013	May 2015	Sept 2015	
Begin draft Biological Assessment (BA)	Submit draft BA to FHWA & WSDOT	FHWA & WSDOT submit draft BA to NOAA and USFWS	BA concurrency or biological opinion (formal consult) (approx. 1 to 1.5 years)
  	 	   	 

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA)

Mar 2013	April-July 2013	Began July 2013	2016		
Public meeting	Inhouse review; discipline reports reviewed & finalized	WSDOT, FHWA & USFS review discipline reports	Issue EA	EA open house/ public hearing; 30-day comment period	Prep & FHWA review of FONSI
  	  	  	  	  	  

FINAL ENGINEERING



ACRONYMS

ESA (Endangered Species Act)

ESA is a law requiring federal agencies to ensure any action authorized, funded or carried out is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of listed threatened or endangered species or modify their critical habitat.

■ BA (Biological Assessment)

A document prepared for ESA consultation to evaluate the effects of the project on threatened or endangered species and their habitat.

■ BO (Biological Opinion)

A document prepared at the end of the formal ESA consultation that explains potential effects of the project on endangered species. It may also contain special conditions for how the project is constructed.

NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act)

NEPA is a law that requires federal decision-makers to consider how their actions, such as the use of federal funds, work on federal land and issuance of permits, may affect the environment.

■ EA (Environmental Assessment)

An EA is used to analyze the environmental effects of a proposed activity. Depending on the EA findings, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will be prepared.

■ EIS (Environmental Impact Statement)

An EIS is prepared when a project has known or probable significant environmental impacts.

■ FONSI (Finding of No Significant Impact)

A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is prepared when no significant environmental impacts are determined during the EA process.

■ IDT (Interdisciplinary Team)

A team from agencies on the project that identifies roles, responsibilities and reporting needs at the beginning of the NEPA environmental process.

SEPA (State Environmental Policy Act)

SEPA is a state policy that requires state and local agencies to consider the likely environmental consequences of governmental decisions. These decisions may be related to issuing permits for private projects, constructing public facilities, or adopting regulations, policies or plans.

■ DNS (Determination of Non-significance)

A DNS is used to document a proposal that is not likely to have significant adverse environmental effects.

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